

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 260 – HB 597**

March 30, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to report to the Chief Clerk of the Senate and House of Representatives and to the Chairs of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees regarding the compliance or noncompliance by the courts for meeting certain deadlines established for capital cases by December 1, 2008, and each December 1 thereafter. Current law requires the AOC to report annually to the General Assembly. Requires the AOC in consultation with the District Attorneys General Conference, the Post-Conviction Defender, and the District Public Defenders Conference, to review the annual compliance report to determine whether the time period for the final disposition of post-conviction petitions in capital cases is a realistic time period. If the statutory period for final dispositions is determined to be unrealistic, the AOC will be required to determine a realistic and attainable time period. Requires the review and determination of a realistic time period by December 1, 2009, and every December 1 thereafter.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumption:

- According to the AOC, any impact on the judicial system for complying with the requirements of this bill can be accommodated within existing judicial resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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